

IMPROVEMENT CLUB'S DINNER

Preparing a Big Feast for Thanksgiving Day.

THANKSGIVING BAZAAR

Splendid Play During Evening Under Direction of Mrs. Rose Ankeney Lewis Mrs. Hardee Sings.

Next Thursday, November 30th is Thanksgiving Day, and the ladies of the improvement club are preparing to give the people of Fort Pierce and visitors a full day of feast and entertainment. They have arranged an elaborate celebration, and will be prepared to take care of the crowd in royal style. The new club building is practically complete, and has been furnished with necessary seats and chairs, besides a Brewster piano, which was purchased this week by Mrs. McCarty in Jacksonville. The stage scenery and curtains are also in place, and everything is in readiness for the big celebration.

The ladies have arranged a first class dinner, and will have on sale all day useful and ornamental articles which have been prepared by the ladies of the club and their friends, some of them having sent articles of much value quite a distance. The Bazaar will be open all day, beginning probably at 9 o'clock.

The Bazaar feature of the day's entertainment will appeal especially to the ladies, but it is said that to reach a heart, it must be done through the stomach, and to be enabled to induce gentlemen to attend the celebration the ladies have given the big Thanksgiving dinner special attention. Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, oysters, salted hickies, preserves, pies, cakes and numerous other viands that go to make up a complete Thanksgiving dinner are now being prepared. The ladies expect to see twenty-five turkeys. Come and bring your family and see your neighbors enjoy an up-to-date Thanksgiving dinner. The dining room and kitchen in the new hall will accommodate everyone. More room and better dinner than was ever before in Fort Pierce is the inducement to the enterprising ladies of the club are giving. This dinner will only cost you 25 cents; while the children will be accommodated for 25 cents.

During the afternoon the bazaar will be in full swing, and you will have a chance to vote on a name for the club building; guess the number of turkeys in a can, and win a handsome prize; try your luck fishing at the fish bowl, over which one of the prettiest ladies in St. Lucie county will preside, and from the numerous bar tables you will have opportunity to select all the Christmas gifts that you desire.

At supper time the ladies will produce a Thanksgiving lunch which will be all the term implies. Anything that you may want—if you want anything after partaking of the big dinner. The moderate charge for the lunch will be made, and everyone's appetites will get more than their fill.

The crowning feature of the day's entertainment will be the play to be given on the stage at 8:15 o'clock. The play is entitled "A Salad-Club" and was written by Mrs. Rose Ankeney Lewis.

Mrs. Lewis, the author of the play, has placed it on the Chicago stage a few years ago, where it had a great success. Mrs. Lewis has selected the cast for each character, and produced the play under her personal supervision, selecting characters to best advantage in particular place, and has been very successful in her efforts to make a success

A VIEW OF THE FORT PIERCE BUSINESS SECTION

THE accompanying illustration presents a view of a considerable portion of the business section of Fort Pierce. Some of the more prominent buildings embraced in the view are the establishments of W. J. Tucker & Son, Hendry & Goldsmith, W. E. Goldsmith, L. L. Carlton, St. Lucie Ice Co., Fee & Stewart Co., A. P. Edge, Stetson hotel, Florida Cattle Co., W. J. Nesbitt, Bank of Fort Pierce, P. P. Cobb, Faber Bros., A. B. Lowry, J. O. Milton and the Indian River Telephone Co. The Methodist Episcopal church and a number of residences are also included. While the view shows only a small portion of the town, the thriving fish business on the dock, the large residence settlement and the prosperity of the inhabitants is to be credited entirely to their own energy and industry. While, with the exception of establishing a division here, the Florida East Coast railway has never done anything for Fort Pierce, its generally prosperous condition compares favorably with that of the East Coast towns which have been assisted by Mr. Flagler. The most important basis for this prosperous condition is the pineapple business.



when it appears here next Thursday. The ladies of the club and Fort Pierce in general will owe her a debt of gratitude for her generous labor in this production.

The play is certain to be a great success. Those who have heard the rehearsals speak of it as being full of side-splitting sayings and incidents. It has in addition to all the mirth producing elements a literary finish of the highest order. A glance at the cast of characters will convince those who know these ladies that a treat is in store for the public.

Many of the ladies who will take part in this production are well known on the local stage and have been kindly received by their audiences.

Apart from the pleasure the audience will receive from this production is the duty the public owes itself to patronize and encourage home talent. The ladies are working hard to give Fort Pierce and vicinity something of value to the general public. This they are doing at much personal expense and with infinite patience.

The play is original and the members of the company are our wives, daughters and sweethearts. Let us give them an overflowing house and show our appreciation. The price of admission has been placed within the reach of all. The hall is very comfortably seated with (Continued on page 8)

OLMSTEAD CORRECTS FALSE STATEMENT

Hon. C. F. Olmstead returned the first of the week from a visit to the State Fair at Tampa, and was the only delegate from St. Lucie county at the banquet given to the newspaper men and legislators. While at the banquet Mr. Olmstead met Senator Massey, of Orange county, who lent valuable help in securing the passage of the bill creating St. Lucie county before the last legislature, and was informed by that gentleman that he had been told by a certain party that the people of St. Lucie county were very much dissatisfied with the division and would like to return to the old order of things. This Mr. Olmstead rightly denied, and told Mr. Massey that some few had opposed the division when it was contemplated, and that a portion of them had not yet become reconciled to the change, but that fully ninety per cent of our people were delighted with the organization of the new county and would not have it otherwise; also that the people of Brevard county now realized that division was also better for that county.

Pineapple crates. See our ad on page 8. East Coast Lumber & Supply Co.

ENCOURAGES PINEAPPLES

Visitor from Cuba Says Florida Has Nothing to Fear.

OUR FRUIT IS SUPERIOR

Neither the Cuban Orange or Pineapple the Equal of Florida Production. Some Drawbacks.

Two prominent visitors in the city last Sunday were Mr. Wm. Allan and Mr. Holmes, of New York City, who were enroute home from a business trip to Cuba, where they went for the express purpose of investigating the orange and pineapple conditions on the land, says the Tropical Sun, of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Allan has for many years been a prominent orange grower in Florida, and at present, owns two fine groves in Volusia county, one at Port Orange and one at Holly Hill. The two gentlemen are also extensively interested in orange growing in Porto Rico, owning about 500 acres of valuable grove property three miles from San Juan, which property they anticipate visiting next month.

While in the city Messrs. Allan and Holmes called upon Captain G. C. Matthews, president of the Indian River and Lake Worth Pineapple Growers' Association, and were shown through his extensive pineries south of the city.

Mr. Allan stated to Captain Matthews that the Florida pineapple grower, as well as the orange grower, had every reason to feel encouraged over the outlook, as compared with Cuban products of a similar nature. He stated that, like the Cuban orange, the pineapple of that country is inferior in quality to the Florida product. Especially discouraging, in comparison to Florida conditions, is the pineapple outlook on the island. The fields seem to deteriorate after the third year to a remarkable degree, and by the fifth year the pines become too small to command a respectable price when displayed on the markets. Mr. Allan further stated that several of the large growers would soon abandon their fields and the culture of pineapples. He thinks that the Florida grower, in view of the fact that he has quick transportation, a better quality of fruit and no duty to pay, has it all coming his way.

Mr. Allan, agreeing with many of the most successful growers, thinks that the freight tariff on pines has little to do with the future of the industry believing that 10 to 20 cents a crate will amount to little either way with the larger growers, while the producers of four to five hundred crates, who are termed as the smaller producers, it amounts to practically nothing.

Altogether the report Mr. Allan brings to the Florida grower, when it is taken into consideration that he is among the best experienced producers interested in southern fruits, must be taken as encouraging news and should have the effect of stimulating greater activity in pineapple and citrus fruit culture along the East Coast.

QUIET WEDDING LAST SUNDAY

Married, in the Fort Pierce Methodist church, Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by the Rev. H. H. Jones, Stephen C. Middleton, of Hastings, to Miss Adine McLaughlin, formerly of Hastings, but now of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Middleton arrived on the midnight train, and the bride-to-be, accompanied by her sister, Miss Nula McLaughlin, came from the south on the

morning train, the whole party stopping at the Stetson hotel for the day. The arrangements for the wedding were placed in the hands of Manager H. E. Crooks, of the Stetson, who visited the Methodist church where the Congregational minister was appointed to conduct service, and engaged him to tie the knot at 1:30. It became whispered around that a marriage was to be solemnized at the above hour, and a party of 30 or more were in waiting at the church when the wedding party, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Crooks and Mrs. M. K. Fogg, arrived.

The bridal couple marched up the middle aisle unattended, and were met at the chancel, where the beautiful service of the Episcopal church, coupled with the ring ceremony were used.

After the ceremony the happy couple received the congratulations and best wishes of the Stetson house party, and left the church, being met at the door by a carriage, in which they spent the afternoon viewing Fort Pierce and vicinity. Miss McLaughlin departed on the evening train for Hypoluxo, while Mr. and Mrs. Middleton took the midnight train for Hastings, their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have the distinction of being married in the Methodist church, by a Congregational minister and with the Episcopal ceremony --an unusual combination.

ILLINOIS PARTY ARRIVED MONDAY

Capt. T. C. West, of Bunker Hill, Illinois, and an old time winter resident of Melbourne, having been coming here for the past twenty-five years, arrived in Fort Pierce Monday evening with a party of his friends who are looking at the various points of interest along the East Coast. The original party numbered 42 and left St. Louis on November 14th, some stopping at Daytona and Melbourne, while a large number went through to Miami. Those in the party here were: Capt. T. C. West, C. W. Henrichs, A. E. Mercer, Phil C. Hansen and wife, of Bunker Hill, and D. R. Grigg, of Greenville, Illinois. Mr. Hansen is editor of the Gazette-News, of Bunker Hill, and with the other members of the party made THE TRIBUNE office a very pleasant call Tuesday morning. Captain West has been instrumental in bringing many people to Florida each winter, and should any of this party decide to remain here they will induce many of their friends to follow. The party spent Tuesday in visiting the many places of interest near Fort Pierce and left on the evening train for Miami.

Cobb's new ad. on page 4, calls attention to his Christmas stock.

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

Local Items About People You Know and Those You Do Not.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

People and Events That Are in the Public Eye—Daily Doings Told our Readers in Short, Crisp Notes.

J. R. Russell, of St. Lucie, was in town Wednesday visiting his son, J. T. Russell.

Mrs. Mary E. Tobin, a palmist and fortune teller of New York, is a guest of the Hendry house.

Geo. Andrews and Clarence Summerlin have been in the woods all the week seeking game and recreation.

The pay train passed through here yesterday and made the hearts of the railroad employees glad—and the merchants as well.

J. C. Conley and Wm. Kay, of Castport, Canada, are guests at the Hendry house. They are here with a view to locating.

Mrs. C. T. McCarty went to Jacksonville the first of the week where she purchased a fine piano for the Improvement club.

D. P. Eldred, of Eldred, who has spent the summer at his old home in Carrollton, Illinois, is expected to return here tonight.

Miss Minnie Thompson, of Atlantic City, arrived at St. Lucie Tuesday evening and will assist Mrs. Sooy during the season at the club house.

Dr. Reed and wife and Mr. Swagard and wife, of Atlantic City arrived Monday at the club house at St. Lucie and will stay until after the first of January.

Miss Rosa Mace will not accept the position offered her by the county school board, but will instead accept a place in the dry goods department of the P. P. Cobb establishment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hart and two children, of Richmond, Va., arrived in town Wednesday evening, and will be here permanently as Mr. Hart will be boilermaker at the railroad yards.

Nathan Saunders, son of Capt. and Mrs. George Saunders, returned to Fort Pierce last Saturday, and will spend the winter here. "Nate" has a good position with a large launch and engine concern at Morris Heights, N. Y. each summer, but prefers to spend the winters in Florida's balmy clime.

We call attention to the advertisement in another column of Marks & Campbell, who will be here tomorrow with a carload of horses to sell. These horses are the best that have been brought here this year. Mr. Campbell will be remembered as a former resident of Fort Pierce, but now of West Palm Beach.

THE TRIBUNE has turned out more job printing in the past fifteen days than has been turned out of any printing office in Brevard or St. Lucie counties for a period of thirty days, anytime within the past seven years. This shows that our class of work is appreciated, and we wish to assure all that their patronage is appreciated. We are doing much work that has heretofore been sent to the big cities.

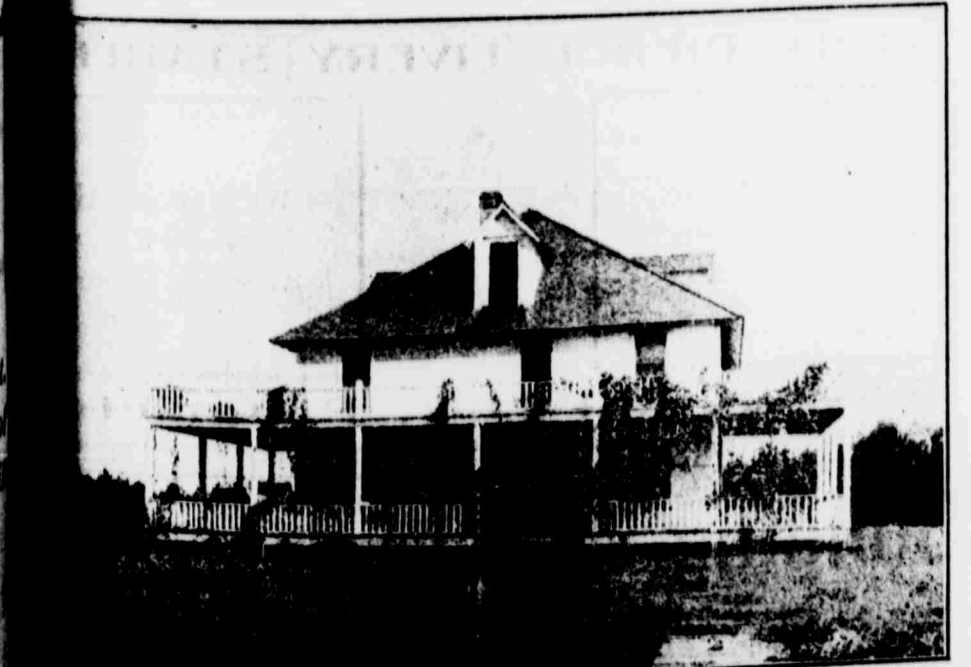
The Indian River & Lake Worth Fish Co., of Fort Pierce, Fla., will open a branch at Miami, Fla. They have leased a dock and house and are taking down a number of boats for the fishing season. They have had built some boats that will be especially adapted to the mackerel fishing and will be finely equipped to handle a big business. The company now has branches at Titusville, Eau Gallie, Sebastian, Eden, Stuart and Miami, with a distributing house in Jacksonville. Its headquarters are in Fort Pierce, where the office force and a number of crews are employed.--St. Augustine Record.

TYPICAL SOUTH FLORIDA SCENE---A TOUCH OF THE TROPICAL



In the accompany illustration is presented a typical South Florida scene. The graceful palm trees and luxuriant natural growth are a familiar reminder of the "untamed" forest so dear to the inhabitants of the East Coast, while the growing crops in the background give a good promise of golden return. The owner of so pleasant a prospect may well be content.

POPULAR RESORT--HOTEL DANFORTH-ON-THE-ST. LUCIE



HOTEL Danforth-on-the-St. Lucie, at Stuart, is one of the popular, medium sized hotels that is helping to make the East Coast an agreeable place for the traveling public. Mrs. C. Stephenson is the lessee and manager of the hotel, and the capable manner in which she has conducted this house in the past gives ample assurance of what it will be during the coming year.